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	Angela Ortiz	1732	

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over De Angelis, USP 2,794,085 in view of Fila et al., USP 3,853,393.

The cited primary reference substantially teaches the basic claimed process of manufacturing eyewear comprising a plastic frame and plastic temples, the frame and temples removably connected via a hinge, and electrical components of an apparatus in the temple. Plural conductors are provided in the temple and frame, having an electrical connection with the components. A connecting hinge through female/male attachment

means connects the frame and temples. The device is useful as a hearing aid, which includes means readable on an ear bud. See col. 3, lines 32-75; col. 4, lines 45-70; col. 5, lines 30-75.

The reference is silent to the step of molding as claimed; however, it does set forth that the temples and frame are formed.

The added secondary reference teaches as conventional the process of injection molding plastic eyewear temples, wherein conductors are encapsulated within the temples. The molded temples house hearing aid components, and are molded of conventional plastic materials using conventional molding means. See col. 3, lines 10-40, 54-65.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to mold the plastic temples and frame, in view of the molding process set forth in the added reference, when performing the process set forth in the added reference, for achieving the desired step of forming the plastic eyewear.

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over De Angelis, USP 2,794,085 in view of Fila et al., USP 3,853,393 as applied to claims 1-4 above, and further in view of Haken, USP 6,629,076.

The previous art combination remains as applied above.

The previous art combination does not set forth a radio transceiver and ad hoc wireless network as claimed.

The added reference sets forth as conventional eyewear with means for hearing and aiding speech. The eyewear includes embedded microphone, processor and battery, readable on the claimed radio processor, which forms an ad hoc wireless network with a plurality of devices. See col. 1, line 60 to col. 2, line 25; col. 2, lines 37-60.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include a radio transceiver and ad hoc wireless network as shown in the added reference, when performing the process set forth in the previous art combination, for improved means for aiding and hearing speech.

With respect to claims 6 and 8, see col. 3, lines 5-25.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. USP's 5404385; 5594511; 5652637; 5949516; 6012812; 6091546; 6099117; 6163926; 6231181; 6582075.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-1206. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaianni can be reached on 571-272-1196. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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